MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : That is what I said.

The Masupatti bridge on the Balamore T. B. Road.

281. ***MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) (i) when the Masupatti bridge on the Balamore T. B. road was washed away : (ii) whether it has been replaced ; and (iii) if not, why ; and

(*b*) (i) whether any estimate has been prepared for a new bridge ; and (ii) if not, what is the reason for the delay ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) (i) During the floods of 1099.

(ii) No. But a wire rope suspension bridge has been provided temporarily for pedestrian traffic.

(iii) For want of funds.

(*b*) (i) Yes.

(ii) In view of the answer to (*b*) (i) this does not arise.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the member whether provision has been made in the coming year's budget ?

PRESIDENT : It is beyond him to say. It is for the Government to decide.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I understand the member answers on behalf of Government.

PRESIDENT : Yes, all that he could say is that he could make the estimates ready.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : I rise to a point of order. I would like to know whether any question can be put as to the inclusion of a particular item in a future budget.

PRESIDENT : I have already said that it is beyond the member to answer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the member whether he is not aware that the road concerned is not used regularly by people going to the Balamore T. B. ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice.

Flood damages in the Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks.

282. ***MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received reports as to the damages caused to paddy fields during the last floods in the Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks : if so, what action has been taken on the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Yes. Action is being taken for the remission of tax on the lands reported to have been damaged by the floods.

Acting Vernacular School teachers.

283. ***MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) the number of applications received from Vernacular School teachers, who had put in acting service prior to 1100, within the last four years;

(*b*) whether preference is given to those who have put in acting service between 1100 and 1103 and

(*c*) whether there is any complaint about that; if so, what action has been taken?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Accurate figures are not available.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. The whole question of the recruitment of teachers in Vernacular Schools is under consideration.

Statement by caste of the employees in the Vernacular Schools.

284. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons, by caste, employed in the Vernacular Schools for Boys; and

(*b*) the number of persons, by caste, in the wating list maintained by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools for Boys?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) The information is furnished in the statement placed on the table.

Statement by caste of the employees in the Vernacular Schools for Girls.

285. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons, by caste, employed in the Vernacular Schools for Girls;

(*b*) the number of persons, by caste, in the waiting list maintained by the Inspectress of Schools for Girls?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) The information is furnished in the †statement placed on the table.

Proposals of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

286. ***MR. N. K. KRISHA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have come to a final decision over the proposals of the Minor Irrigation Committee;

(*b*) whether they have as yet given effect to any of the proposals of the Committee, and, if so, what they are;

(*c*) when the report was submitted to Government and

(*d*) the cause of the delay in coming to a final decision?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, on some of them.

**Vide* Appendix vii.

†*Vide* Appendix viii.

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